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Claims 1-5, 7, 9-13, 15, 17-21 AND 23 were rejected under 35 USC 102 as being anticipated by USP 5,313,398 ("Rohrer et al"), and claims 6, 8, 14, 16, 22 and 24 were rejected under 35 USC 103 as being obvious in view of the combination of Rohrer et al and USP 6,271,579 ("Going et al"). These rejections, however, are respectfully traversed.

According to the present invention as recited in claim 1, for example, a simulation method is provided in which an operation of

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